GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA

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CASTE CERTIFICATE
VILAS BABURAO MUTTEMWAR

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of cases have come to the notice of the Government about the bogus/fake caste certificate having been submitted to grab concessions in employment, admission in schools/colleges and also other benefits;

(b) whether there is no foolproof procedure laid down by the Government for proper verification of these certificates either at the issue stage or at the time of securing benefits under the rules;

(c) if so, whether the Government propose to appoint a Schedule Caste/Schedule TribeCertificate scrutiny committee at various levels in the offices and educational institutions for verification of these certificates; and

(d) if so, the details of the scheme formulated in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The work relating to issue and verification of caste certificates is done by the concerned State Government/Union Territory Administration. Further in regard to streamlining the procedure for issuance of a social status certificates, the Supreme Court in their judgment in Civil Appeal No. 5854 of 1994 in the case of KumariMadhuri Patil and another Vs. Additional Commissioner, Tribal Development and others, has laid down comprehensive procedure to be followed by all States/Union Territories in regard to issue of caste certificates, its scrutiny and approval, constitution of Committee of officers who have intimate knowledge of verification and issuance of social status certificates, constitution of vigilance cell etc., so as to prevent misuse of benefits as are available to Scheduled Castes persons, by unscrupulous elements. Government of India have also issued instructions/guidelines from time to time to State Governments/Union Territory Administrations for verification of caste certificates.